



## **“Aspen India - Avantha International Fellowship 2012”**

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**Aspen Institute India** is delighted to announce the **“Aspen India - Avantha International Fellowship 2012”**. This unique fellowship programme serves as an innovation lab for knowledge sharing and capacity building for two international students during summer 2012. The selected candidates will learn about the social, political and economic issues facing the world’s largest democracy. In addition to international exposure and leadership experience, the Fellows will gain experience on these issues and learn from the best practices and expert minds in the field. They are also expected to write a detailed thematic paper on a priority area that is determined by the Institute and actively support Aspen India in their ongoing seminars, workshops, conferences, and other related events where applicable.

**Tenure:** Two months in the timeframe of 15 June – 20 August 2012. Dates are flexible based on international university schedule.

**Fellowship includes:**

- A stipend of \$ 2400 per month (to include boarding & lodging).
- Economy class return airfare.

**Recognition:** A certificate of an International Fellowship will be granted.

**Location:** Gurgaon 122001, Haryana, India

**Avantha International** is the founder sponsor of the Fellowship Programme.

### **HOW FELLOWS ARE CHOSEN**

Aspen India is looking for two motivated, university students from abroad in the field of International Relations/ International Development Studies/ South Asian Studies, who want to gain broad knowledge of the world of philanthropy, social reform and development in India. Students pursuing a Masters program are preferred, though competitive applications from seniors in a Bachelors program may also be considered.

The competitive selection process is based on the candidates’ previous academic performance, communication and writing skills, ability to grasp complex concepts, generate creative ideas and their passion to pursue development objectives for India.

Application must include the following:

1. **Application Form:** *(Also given below)*
2. **Résumé:** Latest, no longer than 2 pages
3. **Essay:** *(Any one 500 words max.)*
  - What is the greatest challenge facing Indian Democracy today and if you were the Prime Minister of India how would you propose to tackle it?
  - “More than one billion Indians: A gigantic problem or a sea of opportunities”?
  - “Economic growth without environmental damage – a mirage or a reality for India”?

**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, 15 March 2012

### **ASPEN INSTITUTE INDIA**

Aspen Institute India is an independent and not-for-profit organisation, registered under Indian Trust Act. It facilitates and promotes open dialogue, and cross-sector outreach by engaging business, governments, nonprofits, and other stakeholders on issues related to India’s development.

Aspen Institute India’s mission is twofold: to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues.

Aspen Institute India activities include:

1. Public Programs to promote a deeper understanding of India’s development and challenges. Ideas India is a flagship event which brings together diverse sections of society to discuss issues of crucial importance to India.
2. Policy Seminars that bring together small groups of stake holders to improve public and private-sector policy making;
3. Leadership Seminars that bring together small groups to explore fundamental truths through the Socratic method; and
4. International Dialogues to help bring India closer to other parts of the world.

The Institute is based in Gurgaon and Kolkata and has an international network of partners.

For more details visit: <http://aspenindia.org/Fellowship.asp>

For more information about the program and general queries, please write to [gulshan.borah@aspenindia.org](mailto:gulshan.borah@aspenindia.org)



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### **APPLICATION FORM**

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#### **PERSONAL DETAILS** *(in caps)*

First Name:

Last Name:

Gender:

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Background: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelors Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

Masters Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

Other qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Work/ Volunteer Experience (please answer in maximum 200 words)**

Please describe your most significant work or volunteer experience and what you learned from it.

**What are your long-term career objectives?**

**Statement of Purpose (please answer in maximum 200 words)**

Why are you interested in this International Fellowship? In your view, what makes you an ideal candidate for this program?